

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Home Department - Cinemas - Constitution of a new Committee consisting of all stake holders to examine the issue and rationalize the admission of rates into cinema theatres in the State - Orders - Issued.

Home (General.A) Department

G.O.Ms.No.144

Dated: 27-12-2021
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.100, Home (General.A) Department, dated: 26.04.2013.
2. Hon'ble High Court orders in W.P.Nos.10779/2014 and batch, dated:31.10.2016.
3. G.O.Ms.No.35, Home (General.A) Department, dated:08.04.2021.
4. Hon'ble A.P. High Court Orders in I.A.No.1 of 2021 in W.P.Nos. 27268, 27336 and 29635 of 2021, dated:14.12.2021.
5. Hon'ble A.P. High Court Orders in W.A.Nos.831 & 832 of 2021, dated:16.12.2021.

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ORDER:-

In the reference first read above, the Government of erstwhile State of Andhra Pradesh have issued orders fixing the rates of admission into Cinema theatres in the State in various categories/classes. Whereas, the orders issued in the said G.O., were set aside by the Hon'ble High Court for the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh vide reference 2nd cited orders with certain directions.

2. In the reference third read above, Government of A.P., have issued orders fixing the rates of admission into cinema theatres in the State in various categories/ various classes.

3. Aggrieved by the said G.O.Ms.No.35, Home (General.A) Department, dated: 08.04.2021, some of the exhibitors have filed Writ Petitions before the Hon'ble High Court praying to direct the respondents to permit the petitioners to run their theatres as per the rates prevailing prior to passing of impugned order.

4. In the reference fourth read above, the Hon'ble High Court was pleased to direct that "....the petitioners are permitted to run the Cinema Theatres as per the rates prevailing prior to passing of impugned G.O.Ms.No.35, Home (General.A) Department, dated:08.04.2021, as per the procedure that was in vogue hitherto. However, the said rate of admission shall be fixed in consultation with the Joint Collector who is the Licensing Authority, after giving prior intimation to him".

5. The Government have filed Writ Appeals Nos.831 & 832 of 2021 before the Hon'ble High Court and Division bench of Hon'ble High Court in the reference fifth read above, ordered that "Meanwhile, the owner of the Theatres shall comply with the interim order passed by the learned single Judge for fixing the rates of entry tickets in consultation with the Joint Collector concerned, who is the Licensing Authority, after giving prior intimation to him".

6. The Government after taking into consideration the overall view/scenario and in pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in the reference 2nd read above, hereby re-constitute the Committee consisting of all stake holders to examine the issue in a comprehensive manner for making recommendations for fixing the rates of admission into the Cinema theatres with the following members:

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| 1) The Principal Secretary to Government, Home Department | - Chairman |
| 2) The Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department | - Member |
| 3) The Principal Secretary to Government, MA & UD Department | - Member |
| 4) The Principal Secretary to Government, Finance Department | - Member |
| 5) The Commissioner and Ex-Officio Secretary, I & PR Department | - Member |
| 6) The Secretary to Government, Law Department | - Member |

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- 7) The Joint Collector, Krishna District - Member
- 8) Sri Vemuri Bala Ratnam, Sri Krishna Theatres, Machilipatnam (Exhibitor) - Member
- 9) Sri Thummala Seeta Ram Prasad, Sree Lakshmi Rama Pictures (Distributor) - Member
- 10) Sri Mutyala Ramdas, Vice-President, Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce - Member
- 11) Three representatives of Cine goers Association as members namely:

- I. Sri Vadde Om Prakash Narayan, Member of Central Board of Certification. Film critic.
- II. Dr. Jupalle Rakesh Reddy, S/o. J. Ramachandra Reddy, 2-428-124-B14, Babji Complex, Nandyal, Kurnool District.
- III. Smt. Gampa Lakshmi, W/o Gampa Lakshman, MIG-275, Babametta, Vuda Colony, Vizianagaram.

7. The Committee shall take into account all the factors relevant to the fixation of rates of admission viz., classification of theatres such as multiplexes, A/c Cinema halls and Non-A/c Cinema halls with due regard to the location and the amenities required to be provided to the cinegoers and such other factors as may be deemed to be appropriate.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (I/C)

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